



## Prohibited Items



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For the safety and security of the traveling public, TSA, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) and/or airlines have prohibited certain items from being brought onto airplanes in carry-on and/or checked bags. To help you plan ahead and avoid the potential of additional screening, be sure to check out the prohibited items list below and pack accordingly.

When I Fly, Can I Bring My...? Enter Item Name through the security checkpoint?

As an added information source for passengers, you can also use the "Can I Bring...?" tool from the My TSA iPhone and mobile app to get information on an item you want to bring on a plane. Simply type the name of the item in the box and you'll get information on whether or not it's prohibited and other information to help you speed through security. You can also access the tool from your mobile device if it has a web browser.

### Downloadable Brochures



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Download the [Prohibited Items brochure](#) [3] (383kb, pdf)

It's important to know that even if an item is generally permitted, it may be subject to additional screening or not allowed through the checkpoint if it triggers an alarm during the screening process, appears to have been tampered with, or poses other security concerns. The final decision rests with TSA on whether to allow any items on the plane. Also, please note that some dangerous items below are illegal in certain states and passengers will be subject to state law. It is a passenger's responsibility to be aware that origination and destination cities may have local laws prohibiting the possession of these items.



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#### Sharp Objects

Item	Prohibited	
	Carry-on?	Checked?
Box Cutters	NO	OK
Ice Axes/Ice Picks	NO	OK
Knives - except for plastic or round bladed butter knives	NO	OK
Meat Cleavers	NO	OK
Razor-Type Blades - such as box cutters, utility knives, and safety razor blades (disposable razors and their cartridges are permitted)	NO	OK
Sabers	NO	OK
Scissors - <i>metal with pointed tips and blades shorter than 4 inches are allowed, but blades longer than 4 inches are prohibited</i>	NO	OK
Swords - cutting or thrusting weapons, including fencing foils	NO	OK
<b>NOTE:</b> Any sharp objects in checked baggage should be sheathed or securely wrapped to prevent injury to baggage handlers and inspectors.		

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#### Sporting Goods

Item	Carry-on?	Checked?
Baseball Bats	NO	OK
Bows and Arrows	NO	OK
Cricket Bats	NO	OK
Golf Clubs	NO	OK
Hockey Sticks	NO	OK
Lacrosse Sticks	NO	OK
Pool Cues	NO	OK
Skates (including ice skates and rollerblades)	OK	OK
Ski Poles	NO	OK
Spear Guns	NO	OK

For more information, please read our [Traveling with Special Items](#) [4] section.

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## Guns & Firearms

Item	Carry-on?	Checked?
Ammunition - Check with your airline or travel agent to see if ammunition is permitted in checked baggage on the airline you are flying. Small arms ammunitions for personal use must be securely packed in fiber, wood or metal boxes or other packaging specifically designed to carry small amounts of ammunition. Ask about limitations or fees, if any, that apply. <a href="#">Read our Firearms &amp; Ammunition section</a> [5].	<b>NO</b>	<b>OK</b>
BB guns	<b>NO</b>	<b>OK</b>
Compressed Air Guns (to include paintball markers) - Carried in checked luggage without compressed air cylinder attached.	<b>NO</b>	<b>OK</b>
Firearms - firearms carried as checked baggage MUST be unloaded, packed in a locked hard-sided container, and declared to the airline at check-in. <a href="#">Read our Firearms &amp; Ammunition section</a> [5]. <i>As defined by 49 CFR 1540.5 [6] - "A loaded firearm means a firearm that has a live round of ammunition, or any component thereof, in the chamber or cylinder or in a magazine inserted in the firearm."</i>	<b>NO</b>	<b>OK</b>
Flare Guns - May be carried as checked baggage MUST be unloaded, packed in a locked hard-sided container, and declared to the airline at check-in. <a href="#">Read our section on Camping</a> [7] and <a href="#">Firearms &amp; Ammunition section</a> [5].	<b>NO</b>	<b>OK</b>
Flares	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Gun Lighters	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Gun Powder including black powder and percussion caps	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Parts of Guns and Firearms <a href="#">Read our Firearms &amp; Ammunition section</a> [5].	<b>NO</b>	<b>OK</b>
Pellet Guns	<b>NO</b>	<b>OK</b>
Realistic Replicas of Firearms	<b>NO</b>	<b>OK</b>
Starter Pistols - can only be carried as checked baggage and MUST be unloaded, packed in a locked hard-	<b>NO</b>	<b>OK</b>



sided container, and declared to the airline at check-in. [Read our Firearms & Ammunition section](#) [5].

**NOTE:** Check with your airline or travel agent to see if firearms are permitted in checked baggage on the airline you are flying. Ask about limitations or fees, if any, that apply.

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#### Tools

Item	Carry-on?	Checked?
Axes and Hatchets	NO	OK
Cattle Prods	NO	OK
Crowbars	NO	OK
Hammers	NO	OK
Drills and drill bits (including cordless portable power drills)	NO	OK
Saws (including cordless portable power saws)	NO	OK
Tools (greater than seven inches in length)	NO	OK
Wrenches/Pliers/Screwdrivers (seven inches or less in length)	OK	OK

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#### Martial Arts & Self Defense Items

Item	Carry-on?	Checked?
Billy Clubs	NO	OK
Black Jacks	NO	OK
Brass Knuckles	NO	OK
Kubatons	NO	OK
Self Defense Sprays - One 4 ounce (118ml) container of mace or pepper spray is permitted in checked baggage provided it is equipped with a safety mechanism to prevent accidental discharge. Self Defense Sprays containing more than 2% by mass of Tear Gas (CS or CN) are prohibited in Checked Baggage. For more information visit <a href="http://www.faa.gov">www.faa.gov</a> . [8], click on Passengers, then Preparing to Fly.	NO	OK
Martial Arts Weapons	NO	OK
Night Sticks	NO	OK
Nunchucks	NO	OK
Stun Guns/Shocking Devices	NO	OK
Throwing Stars	NO	OK

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#### Explosive & Flammable Materials, Disabling Chemicals & Other Dangerous Items

<b>Explosive Materials</b>	<b>Carry-on?</b>	<b>Checked?</b>
Blasting Caps	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Dynamite	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Fireworks	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Flares (in any form)	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Hand Grenades	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Plastic Explosives	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Realistic Replicas of Explosives	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Flammable Items</b>	<b>Carry-on?</b>	<b>Checked?</b>
Aerosol (any except for personal care or toiletries in limited quantities)	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Fuels (including cooking fuels and any flammable liquid fuel)	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Gasoline	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Gas Torches	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Lighter Fluid	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>Common Lighters</b> - Lighters without fuel are permitted in checked baggage. Lighters with fuel are prohibited in checked baggage, unless they adhere to the Department of Transportation (DOT) exemption, which allows up to two fueled lighters if properly enclosed in a DOT approved case. If you are uncertain as to whether your lighter is prohibited, please leave it at home.	<b>OK</b>	<b>NO</b>
Torch Lighters - Torch lighters create a thin, needle-like flame that is hotter (reaching 2,500 degrees Fahrenheit) and more intense than those from common lighters. Torch lighters are often used for pipes and cigars, and maintain a consistent stream of air-propelled fire regardless of the angle at which it is held. Torch lighters continue to be banned.	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Strike-anywhere Matches - <b>One</b> book of safety (non-strike anywhere) matches are permitted as carry-on items, but all matches are prohibited in checked baggage.	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Flammable Paints (See Other Items below for non-flammable paints)	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>



Turpentine and Paint Thinner	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Realistic Replicas of Incendiaries	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
<b>NOTE:</b> There are other hazardous materials that are regulated by the FAA. This information is summarized at <a href="http://www.faa.gov">www.faa.gov</a> [8], click on Passengers, then Preparing to Fly.		
<b>Disabling Chemicals &amp; Other Dangerous Items</b>	<b>Carry-on?</b>	<b>Checked?</b>
Chlorine for Pools and Spas	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Small compressed gas cartridges (Up to 2 in life vests and 2 spares. The spares must accompany the life vests and presented as one unit)	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>
Fire extinguishers and other compressed gas cylinders	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Liquid Bleach	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Recreational Oxygen (non-medically required, flavored or canned oxygen containers)	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Spillable Batteries - except those in wheelchairs	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Spray Paint	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Tear Gas - Self Defense Sprays containing more than 2% by mass of Tear Gas (CS or CN).	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Vehicle Airbags	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
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#### Other Items

<b>Item</b>	<b>Carry-on?</b>	<b>Checked?</b>
Gel-type candles	<b>NO</b>	<b>OK</b>
Flammable liquid, gel, or aerosol paint	<b>NO</b>	<b>NO</b>
Non-flammable liquid, gel, or aerosol paint	Yes - 3.4 ounces (100ml) or smaller container	<b>OK</b>
Snow globes (unless otherwise prohibited)*	<b>OK</b>	<b>OK</b>

\*Snow globes that appear to contain less than 3.4 ounces (approximately tennis ball size) will be permitted if the entire snow globe, including the base, is able to fit in the same one clear, plastic, quart-sized, re-sealable bag, as the passenger's other liquids, such as shampoo, toothpaste and cosmetics.

\*\*Illegal controlled substances: TSA's screening procedures, which are governed by federal law, are focused on security and are designed to detect potential threats to aviation and passengers. As has always been the case, during the security screening procedures an officer discovers an item that may violate federal law, TSA refers the matter to law enforcement. Law enforcement officials will determine if further action is appropriate.

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[7] <http://www.tsa.gov/traveler-information/camping-gear>  
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